

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The unauthorised colonies of Delhi are mainly affected due to the drainage congestion. The blockage of drains and overflow during excessive rains have also affected some of the urban areas.

(d) The main reasons for drainage congestion are excessive growth of unauthorised pockets and colonies, low lying areas without adequate drainage facilities, frequent checking of the local drains due to dumping of garbage by residents, silting of existing drains and inadequate outfalls.

(e) Annual desilting of the drains, remodelling of drains for increased discharges and construction of new trunk drains such as supplementary Drain and Jahangirpuri Outfall Drain have been taken up by Government of NCT of Delhi to solve the drainage congestion problem.

Setting up of Stroke Unit

3347. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for setting up of 16 beds "Stroke Unit" to treat cerebro-vascular disorders at NIMHANS, Bangalore under the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed unit; and

(c) whether the Government will give assistance if major Government Hospitals in Karnataka come forward to set up "Stroke Units"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) There is a proposal for setting up of 16 beds "Stroke Unit" to treat Cerebro-vascular disorders at NIMHANS.

(b) The estimated cost would be Rs.1.51 crore including building, equipments and staff.

(c) Presently there is no scheme for providing this sort of assistance.

[Translation]

Child Prostitution

3348. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Child prostitution is increasing constantly in the country;

(b) the number of child prostitution cases that have come to light till 1995;

(c) whether any scheme is being prepared or any steps are being taken by the Government to check child prostitution;

(d) whether Government have prepared scheme to provide them employment or to provide some other measures for self-employment, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir. There are no reliable statistics available about the number of child prostitutes.

(b) Total number of cases of buying/selling of girls for prostitution reported in 1995 are as under :

Selling : 16 : Buying : 18

(c) Apart from stricter enforcement of the existing provisions of the following laws :

(i) The Indian Penal Code;

(ii) The Immoral Traffic Prevention Act; and

(iii) The Juvenile Justice Act

the Government has referred to the Law Commission certain amendments in the major criminal laws to tackle sexual abuse of children, recommended by the National Commission for Women.

The Government has also set up a Central Advisory Committee for an ongoing review and recommendations of both legal and non-legal approaches to the rescue and rehabilitation of children in prostitution. In addition, the Government is attempting to bring about an overall improvement in the status of children, especially girl children, through better education, health care and empowerment of women.

(d) and (e). Schemes for employment and income generation like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP), Setting up of Employment-cum-Income Generating Units for Women (NORAD), Socio-Economic Programme (SEP), Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) and Development of Women and Children in Rural Area (DWCRA) are implemented especially in high supply areas of prostitutes and for rehabilitation of rescued prostitutes.

Gandhi's Letters

3349. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any tip of 450 unpublished letters written by Mahatma Gandhi during his last days;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to procure them and preserve them in National Museum;

(c) if so, the amount likely to be required for the purpose;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (e). It came to the notice of the Government that Shri V.Kalyanam, a stenographer of Mahatma Gandhi during the period 1944-48, was trying to put to auction certain autograph papers/letters of Mahatma Gandhi, through Phillips International Auctioneers & Vendors, London. Contact was accordingly made with Shri Kalyanam, Indian High Commission in London and Navajivan Trust, Ahmedabad to devise and undertake steps to prevent the auction.

A suit was filed by the Navajivan Trust in the High Court of Judicature at Madras seeking injunction against the auction of Mahatma Gandhi papers. The High Court issued interim injunction restraining the respondents/defendants or any one claiming or acting under them from in any manner dealing with or parting with the possession of Gandhiji's papers pending the disposal of the suit. The court like-wise gave an interim injunction against infringement of the Copyrights of Navajivan Trust.

Taking note of the claim of Navajivan Trust on the papers, the Auctioneers decided to call of the auction which was due to be held on 14th November, 1996. The papers have since been handed over by the Auctioneers to the Indian High Commissioner in London for being returned to the Navajivan Trust, Ahmedabad.

Integrated Water Management

3350. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a scheme of Integrated Water Management in the ravines of Chambal and Yamuna river and in Jalaun and Hamirpur districts with the Collaboration of Indo-German Bionatural is under the consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the time by which Union Government propose to sanction this scheme;

(c) whether ravines of Ghatampur Parliamentary Constituency and Yamuna river have also been included in this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these ravines are likely to be included under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do to arise.

[English]

Involvement of Security Forces in Smuggling

3351. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether security forces in Bihar have been found involved in smuggling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

(c) Appropriate instructions exist in this regard and deterrent action is taken against service personnel if they are found indulging in such activities.

[Translation]

New Bridges in Maharashtra

3352. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes regarding the construction of new bridges on the National Highways in Maharashtra, lying pending for clearance with the Union Government for the last three years; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There are no cases of bridge projects lying pending for the last three years for clearance.

(b) Does not arise.

Primary Health Centres in U.P.

3353. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh, which do not have compounders and nurses;

(b) the total requirement of compounders and nurses in the State;